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Dear Ms. McLane:

This is in response to your letter received 24 September 2003 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/937,996 filed 28 September 2001. The USPTO electronic database shows that the application is being processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and a Communication was mailed to applicant on 08 October 2003. A copy of that communication is attached herewith for your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

- Copy of Communication  
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